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SUBJECT: IMPORTATION OF NAMIBIAN FUR SEALS SKINS

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1. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MAST IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING HEARINGS ON REQUEST TO HAVE THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT GRANT A WAIVER UNDER THE MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1972 TO ALLOW FOUKE CO. OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO IMPORT 70,000 FUR SEAL SKINS ANNUALLY FROM SOUTH AFRICA FOR PROCESSING. HEARING IS MOST RECENT STEP IN TWO YEAR EFFORT BY FOUKE CO. TO REINSTITUTE IMPORTATION OF FUR SEAL SKINS TAKEN OFF COAST OF NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 22, AF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY CHARLES JAMES TESTIFIED AT HEARINGS AND MADE CLEAR THAT IN VIEW OF STATE DEPARTMENT THE GRANTING OF WAIVER TO IMPORT FUR SEAL SKINS WOULD BE CONTRARY TO OUR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL

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OBLIGATIONS.

3. JAMES TESTIMONY FOLLOWED SUBMISSION OF LETTER TO JUDGE MAST FROM AF ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIS REITERATING STATE DEPARTMENT POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ISSUES IN THE

CASE. DAVIS' LETTER ALSO ENCLOSED: A) A LETTER FROM DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL TO THEN COMMERCE SECRETARY DENT DATED AUGUST 2, 1974, EXPRESSING THE STATE DEPARTMENT VIEW THAT SENDING COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TEAM TO NAMIBIA TO STUDY HARVEST OF FUR SEALS WOULD NOT BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL OBLIGATIONS; AND B) A LETTER FROM ACTING OES ASSISTANT SECRETARY THOMAS CLINGAN TO COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DATED AUGUST 27, 1975, REITERATING STATE DEPARTMENT POSITION (COPIES OF ALL LETTERS POUCHED TO USUN - JAY KATZEN).

4. JUDGE MAST HAS ACCEPTED THE LETTERS FOR INTRODUCTION INTO THE RECORD OF THE HEARING. FYI: AN ATTORNEY FOR ONE OF PARTIES HAS TOLD US HE IS CERTAIN THAT JUDGE WILL NOT TAKE LETTERS INTO CONSIDERATION IN RENDERING HIS DECISION ON THE WAIVER. END FYI. A DECISION IS EXPECTED BY THE END OF OCTOBER. INGERSOLL

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